SHIMOGA DIVISION.

Notification dated 18th January 1923.

It is hereby notified for information that the right of collection and removal of bamboos in the undermentioned State and District Forests of the Shimoga District, for the calendar year 1923, will be sold by public auction by the District Forest Officer, at the District Forest Office, on 29th January 1923.

Name of range	Name of forest	Description of block	Minimum quantity to be purchased		Remarks
			Big bamboos	Small bamboos	
Sacrebyle ..	Sacrebyle ..	Coupe, I Compartment 1, 6 and 7.	..	50,000	
		Whole Forest ..	5,000	..	
Shankar ..	Shankar ..	Coupe III, Compartments 20, 23 and 6.	..	75,000	The boundaries of Working Circles
		Setthalli Felling Series ..	2,000	..	will be let
		Maleshankar do ..	3,000	..	known at the
	Puradhal ..	Coupe III, Puradhal F. S.	..	50,000	time of sale.
Ayanur ..	Kumsi ..	Tirganamadu F. S. ..	..	5,000	
		Doddi Felling Series ..	..	5,000	
Hanagere ..	Hanagere ..	Hanagere Eastern F. S. ..	10,000	..	
	Kudi ..	Whole Forest ..	..	10,000	

The sale is subject to the confirmation of the Conservator of Forests who reserves to himself the power of accepting or rejecting any bid without assigning any reason therefor.

2. The highest bidder shall deposit ten per cent of the lease immediately the sale is concluded. If he fails to do so, the produce will be resold at his risk, in which case, he shall not participate in any profit arising therefrom, but on the other hand shall be liable for any loss that may thereby be caused to Government which will be recovered as an arrear of revenue demand.

3. The successful purchaser or lessee shall pay the balance of the lease in three monthly instalments, failing which, the amount deposited or the whole amount paid already as the case may be, will be forfeited to Government and the right resold subject to the conditions stipulated in para 2 *supra*. The first instalment should be paid within five days from the date on which the confirmation of sale is intimated to him.

4. The lessee shall sign an agreement binding himself to observe the following conditions, and it shall be executed within a week from the date on which the confirmation of sale may be intimated to him, in default, the money paid by him will be forfeited to Government and the right disposed of by resale at his risk as defined in paras 2 and 3 *supra*. The lessee shall not be allowed to enter the forest and cut bamboos until he has executed the agreement and further paid the first instalment of lease amount.

(*a*) The bamboos shall be collected or stored outside the block at such place or places as may be fixed by the Range Officer concerned and allowed to be removed on check by him and after a "permit to remove" is issued. Removal without such permits will be an offence to be dealt with according to law.

(*b*) The lessee shall not cut bamboos outside the limits of the block to which the lease refers.

(*c*) The lessee will be personally held responsible for the acts of his agents or servants or coolies in the business of collection and removal of bamboos and for preventing the cutting of clums under two years by himself, his agents, servants or coolies.

(*d*) The lessee shall not sell the right purchased by him to other person or persons or appoint any agent or agents to work for him, without obtaining the previous permission in writing of the District Forest Officer.

(*e*) The lessee shall collect and remove the full quantity purchased from the limits of the forest before the end of December 1923. No permission will be granted for cutting and collecting of bamboos after the 31st December 1923; but in very exceptional cases, an extension of time not exceeding three months will be granted by the Conservator of Forests only for removal.

(*f*) The lessee shall accept the minimum quantity fixed in the notification as available in the block or area concerned and shall have no claim on the department for any deficit that may be found. If he removes any quantity above the minimum fixed within the lease period, he will pay for the excess quantity at auction sale rates.

(*g*) The lessee shall abide by such orders as the District Forest Officer may issue regulating the transport of bamboos to and collection at their rafting stations.

(*h*) The lessee will be held responsible for the occurrence of any fire within the forest if there is sufficient ground for the Forest Department to suspect that it was caused by his negligence or by that of his employees.

(*i*) Neither the lessee nor his employees shall enter the forest either before sunrise or after sunset.

(*j*) The lessee shall deposit Rs. 100 (one hundred only) as security for the due fulfilment of the conditions of the lease. In the event of the breach of any of the above conditions, the money deposited as security shall be forfeited to Government in whole or part as the Conservator of Forests may decide and the lease liable to be cancelled.

5. No bamboos should be collected between 15th February and 30th April in the State Forest.

6. The sale does not prohibit the issue of retail licenses at seigniorage rates or the exercise of the rights of the villagers.

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